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### UTAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST

#### Four Winning Schools Each Receive \$1,000 Cash Awards

Utah elementary schools are invited to participate in Utah's annual Arbor Day poster contest. Schools in four regions with first place winners will each receive \$1,000 to be used any way they wish. Student winners receive U.S. Savings bonds, framed certificates and other prizes. Registration deadline is February 4, 2005.

"Our annual poster contest and other activities teach children the importance of trees in our communities," said Maggie Shao, chairman of the Utah Arbor Day Committee. "This year's theme is, 'Trees are Terrific...and Energy Wise!'"

Students in kindergarten through sixth grade are asked to create a poster utilizing the theme and following a set of criteria. Schools conduct individual judging and submit one poster from each grade to the Utah Arbor Day Committee. A panel then judges those posters and winners are awarded prizes during annual Arbor Day celebrations held at several locations statewide during the month of April. The grand prize poster is distributed statewide and the winning fifth-grade poster is entered in the National Arbor Day Poster Contest.

Registration materials are available on the web at [www.ffsl.utah.gov/ArborDay/postercontest.php](http://www.ffsl.utah.gov/ArborDay/postercontest.php). Teachers and schools desiring additional information, should contact the Utah Arbor Day Committee at the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands in Salt Lake City at (801) 538-5513 or email [christinebates@utah.gov](mailto:christinebates@utah.gov).

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